THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As 'Sports' is a State subject in the constitution, the primary responsibility for the creation of sports infrastructure facilities throughout the country, including the rural areas, falls on State Governments. Till 31-3-2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for the creation of sports facilities in various states by providing assistance under the Centrally sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals. With effect from 1.4.2005 however, the Sports Infrastructure Schemes were transferred to the State sector. Thus, fresh cases of Sports Infrastructure projects will have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. However, funds to the extent of committed liabilities will be provided for ongoing approved Sports Infrastructure projects during the remaining period of the X Plan. At present, there is no proposal to reintroduce the Scheme.

Construction of Central Regional Centre of SAI

†1787. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for construction work of Central Regional Centre of Sports Authority of India going on at snailpace; and

(b) by when this would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Construction of the hostel building, 3 Basketball Courts, the Grassy Football field, the Cinder Athletics Track, the Grassy Hockey Field with chain link, 3 Volleyball Courts and the laying of two Synthetic Hockey Surfaces, Players' facilities and sitting tiers, fencing and drain works, and civil works relating to floodlighting have been completed. As per the current assessment, the remaining construction works are expected to be completed by December 2007.

Programme to showcase India at Melbourne Commonwealth Games

1788. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 40 crore was spent on a 10-12

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.